

MAYOR SEGARRA ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF FIRM TO SEARCH FOR NEW POLICE CHIEF

--- NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(January 18, 2012) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today announced the selection of the Strategic Policy Partnership to conduct the search for a new Police Chief for the Hartford Police Department.

"After an exhaustive process, I am pleased to announce the selection of the Strategic Policy Partnership, a nationally respected firm with significant experience in ensuring the organizational effectiveness of government entities," Mayor Segarra said. "I look forward to working with Strategic Policy Partnership to implement a search process that not only brings the best candidates forward but also respects Hartford's community policing philosophy."

The Strategic Policy Partnership is a group of public safety and public policy experts who assist police and government agencies with policing strategy development and personnel selection. Their previous clients include the U.S. Department of Justice and the municipalities of Boston, Milwaukee, Los Angeles and Stamford. The Strategic Policy Partnership is the chaired by Robert Wasserman, who has an extensive career in law enforcement, and served as a senior executive in Boston, MA, Dayton, OH, and Houston, TX. Additional project staff include: William Bratton, former chief law enforcement officer for Boston, Los Angeles and New York; former LeGrange, GA Police Chief Louis Dekmar; former Metropolitan (Washington, D.C.) Police Chief Robert Stewart; former Cleveland Police Chief Patrick Oliver; former Stamford Police Chief Brent Larrabee; former Irvine, CA City Manager Allison Hart; and former Cambridge, MA Personnel Director Michael Paul Gardner.

A total of five firms submitted Requests for Proposals. The Strategic Policy Partnership was selected following a review by the Mayor's Cabinet team, which considered cost, experience, professional qualifications, commitment to community policing, references and expected timeframe. The search process is expected to take several months.

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